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# Fish Finelli (Book 2): Operation Fireball



## Synopsis

When Bryce Billings says he will clobber Fish Finelli in the Captain Kidd Classic boat race, Fish has no choice but to accept the bet. But Fish's 1970s Whaler with a broken motor is no match for Bryce's new, top-of-the-line, 9.9-horsepower Viper. Even if Fish, Roger, and T. J. can fix the measly 5-horsepower motor, it can't compete with Bryce's boat. With \$9.63 between them, do the guys even have a chance of beating Bryce at the Classic? A hilarious, action-packed romp filled with nonfiction sidebars, this latest installment in the entertaining new chapter book series is hotter than a fireball.

## Book Information

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Series: Fish Finelli

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Age Range: 8 - 11 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

my son read the book in two afternoons

Fish Finelli is excited. He has a boat and a motor, now all he has to do it get it working in time to enter the big race in the 11-years-and under category. And the stakes are high since he pretty much promised to beat the annoying Bryce Billings. Then there's this girl, Clementine, pretty and mysterious. Fish Finelli: Operation Fireball is the second in this great series for boys that girls can enjoy too. Fish and his friends Roger and T.J. do pretty much everything together, and together they

can make anything fun, including rescuing a cat from a tree and waiting out a thunderstorm on a creepy island. Together they prove that a bit of ingenuity, hard work and sticking to the rules of a good sea captain will get them through just about anything. Kids should also be interested in the small facts sprinkled throughout the book. For instance, Fish really likes tinkering with things and he likes inventors who did too. When he quotes Thomas Edison, who invented the phonograph, a pull out illustration gives information about Edison and his invention. Jason Beene's drawings illustrate the narrative perfectly, adding a touch of whimsy to the words on the page. I recommend Fish Finelli: Operation Fireball for readers aged 8 to 12. The publisher gave me a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Fish Finelli and his friends have to beat the school bully, Bryce Billings, in a boat race, due to a dare made at the end of book one. There is just one problem – that Bryce has a new boat with a 9.9 horsepower (which is the limit for the race) and Fish and his friends have an old whaler with a 5 horsepower motor. Will they beat Bryce? This was a fun book. I didn't read book 1, but Ms. Farber brings the reader right up to speed so I totally understood the back-story (As a note, I love it when an author recaps the previous book(s) in a series really well). Fish is a great character, and I like how he solves his own problems. He is also devoted to sailing and I enjoyed reading about a kid who likes to sail. Ms. Farber has an enjoyable writing style. I love all of the humor she put in the story. I really enjoyed the little fact boxes and diagrams about things in the book. That was a nice touch. The illustrations scattered in the book were great too. They had a very cool style. After reading this book, I'm going to go back and read the first one in the series. I like a good story. :) This book is a great read for young advanced readers, reluctant readers and kids looking for a fun story! \*NOTE I got a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

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